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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GINZBURG TRIAL: AFTERNOON OF SECOND DAY

1. EMBOFF IN KALUGA REPORTED BY TELEPHONE EVENING OF
JULY 11 AS FOLLOWS:

--MRS. GINZBURG WAS ALLOWED IN THE COURTROOM FOR
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THE BEGINNING OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION, AT 2:45 P.M.;
ACCORDING TO HER, THE JUDGE ASKED THAT SHE APOLOGIZE
FOR HER EARLIER BEHAVIOR; WHEN MRS. GINZBURG ATTEMPTED
TO EXPLAIN HER POSITION, THE JUDGE ORDERED THAT SHE
BE ESCORTED FROM THE COURTROOM;

--ACCORDING TO GINZBURG'S ELDERLY MOTHER, WHO

REMAINED IN THE COURTROOM, ALL OF THE PROSECUTION WITNESSES WERE HEARD JULY 11; IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHETHER ANY OF THE DEFENSE WITNESSES SELECTED BY GINZBURG WILL BE ALLOWED TO TESTIFY; --GINZBURG'S MOTHER SAID THAT ONE WITNESS TESTIFIED THAT GINZBURG HAD PREPARED LETTERS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE WEST, AND RECEIVED THINGS FROM THE WEST, INCLUDING FROM THE UNITED STATES.

2. EMBOFF REPORTED THAT THE FOUR WESTERN JOURNALISTS ON HAND DURING THE DAY DEPARTED FOR MOSCOW FOLLOWING A PRESS BRIEFING ON THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE TRIAL. NO OTHER EMBASSIES WERE REPRESENTED IN KALUGA JULY 11, TO EMBOFF'S KNOWLEDGE. EMBOFF'S REQUEST TO ATTEND AFTERNOON SESSION EVOKED RESPONSE THAT COURTROOM WAS FULL.

3. EMBOFF ADDED THAT AT END OF DAY, AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS, THREE YOUNG SUPPORTERS OF GINZBURG WERE ARRESTED AS THEY DEPARTED COURTHOUSE FOR THE TRAIN STATION. ONE OF THE THREE HAD EARLIER BEEN ASKED NOT TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS BUT PERSISTED IN DOING SO. ANOTHER WAS THE DAUGHTER OF GINZBURG SUPPORTER TERNOVSKIY. APART FROM THIS INCIDENT, THE SCENE OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM WAS CALM. AS THE MORNING SESSION BEGAN, CONFIDENTIAL

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SOME 10-12 OF GINZBURG'S SUPPORTERS WERE ON HAND. BY AFTERNOON THE NUMBER HAD GROWN TO 20-25. MATLOCK

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